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Sons of the American Revolution Honors Columbus Police Officer

Officer Michael L. Shannon #2344 will receive the **Law Enforcement Award**. This award is presented to an officer who has served with distinction and devotion in any service capacity of law enforcement.

The ceremony takes place tomorrow, March 15, 2019 at noon at TAT Ristorante Di Famiglia at 1210 S. James Rd.

Officer Shannon was hired in July of 2002 and has spent the majority of his career working patrol on the west side of Columbus. He's currently assigned to the Walkie Crew.

In addition to his patrol duties, Officer Shannon is a Field Training Officer (FTO), an instructor with the Ohio Police Officer Training Academy (OPOTA), and the Columbus Police Defensive Tactics Unit (DTU). Officer Shannon is also a member of the Peer Assistance Team (PAT) which is a group of sworn personnel who voluntarily provide assistance to fellow officers in times of personal or professional crisis to minimize the effects of stress.

On March 13, 2010 Officer Shannon was pursuing a man on foot while working special duty at a west side apartment complex and the suspect opened fire on him. The suspect shot Officer Shannon in the leg and his femur was shattered by the bullet. Officer Shannon was awarded the Division's Purple Heart award for his actions during the incident. Over the next seven years, Officer Shannon endured nine surgeries on his leg, underwent extensive therapy for his injury, and worked light-duty assignments at the Training Academy. Through hard work and dedication, he was able to return to 19 precinct and full duty status on February 14, 2017. Officer Shannon has made a remarkable recovery and has come back stronger and more determined than ever. He is always willing to lend a helping hand to his fellow officers and supervisors, and provides valuable senior leadership and insight into issues that junior officers might encounter while on patrol.

Officer Shannon's dedication to his work and perseverance through his injury are truly inspirational. He did not seek pity or complain, he just worked hard during his physical recovery in hopes of improving enough to return to full duty. He upholds the highest standard of professionalism and distinguished service as a Columbus Police Officer.